

Attorney Docket No. 03161.001195

## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

~~In re~~ Application of:

) : Examiner: Henry S. Hu

THOMAS HODGE

: Group Art Unit: 1713

Application No.: 09/778,144

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Filed: February 7, 2001

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For: Tire for Heavy Loads and Use Of A )  
Rubber Composition To Delay )  
Irregular Wear On These Tires :

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2003. Claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The remarks begin at page 4.

A three month extension of time to respond to the Action through June 30, 2004 is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$950 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 30, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-12.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate.

1.  A Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time to respond to the final rejection, together with the \$\_\_\_\_\_ extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
2.  Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to take further action; a check for the \$950.00 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, is filed herewith.

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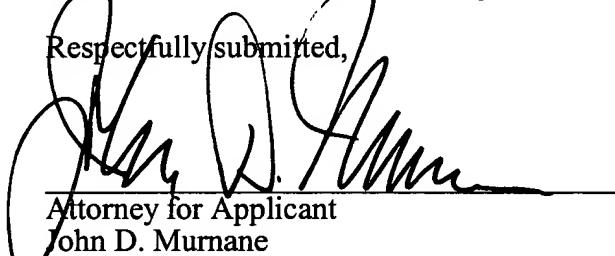
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3.  Fee \$330.00
- Fee \$165.00 (Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.)
- Enclosed
- Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
- Charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 (One additional copy of this Notice enclosed herewith)

4.  Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

5.  Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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